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ALUMNI NEWS

To Promote, Recognize and Reward Present and Future Alumni of EAHS JUNE 2010

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2010

embark on their life's journey to fulfill their dreams and destiny.



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1960 ATTEND GRADUATION

For the past several years, 10 members of the class that is commemorating their 50th year anniversary of their graduation have been invited to be the guests of the current graduating class. That class also displays memorabilia from their high school years in the Alumni Showcase in the High school lobby. This year, 9 members of the class of 1960 were the guests of the class of 2010 at commencement on June 2, 2010.



Front row – Suzanne (Clark) Wakefield, Jane (Foor) Foor, Joyce (Calhoun) Foor, Norma (Foor) Perrin

Back row – George Wakefield, Donald Hinish, Mike Mondy, Gary Wilt, Gary Whitfield



Mr. Dwane Gochnour congratulates **Thomas Stone**, the 2010 recipient of the Pearl Borne scholarship. Tommy is one of the five class valedictorians, a member of the high school band and is an active member of the Everett Fire Company. Tommy's parents are James (1984) and Melinda Stone. The Alumni Association administers the scholarship for the Pearl Borne family.



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Since our last newsletter, everything fell into place when two class of 1995 alums agreed to put their talents to work for the Alumni Association.

Marta (Covert) Brown of "Studio B Designs" of Everett set up an all-new Everett Alumni Website. This is the only alumni website affiliated with the Everett Area School District.

Monica (Hall) Meckes of "id graphics" of Everett will now be responsible for the design and printing of our Newsletters.

2010 Class Reunions ANNOUNCED

The following classes have notified the Association of the dates, times and locations of their 2010 class reunions:

Class of 1947 – Saturday, Aug. 21, 1:00 p.m. at Kelly's Scenic View Restaurant

Class of 1950 – Saturday, July 17, 4:00 p.m. at Spring House Estates

Class of 1952 – Saturday, Sept. 24 - 26, 4th weekend of September every year.

Friday night football game at Tussey Mountain

Saturday lunch at the Everett Union Hotel – 11:30 a.m.

Saturday Wine tasting and tour of Briar Valley Winery – 1:30 p.m.

Saturday Dinner in the Arena Restaurant's Library Room – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Breakfast at the Arena Restaurant – Buffet served 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Class of 1955 – Friday, Sept. 10
Friday night informal get together at Bulls Head Tavern at Union Hotel - 5:00 p.m.

Class of 1955 – Saturday, Sept. 11,
Saturday Reunion at Breezewood Firehall - 4:30 p.m. social hour before group photo

Class of 1960 – Saturday, Aug. 14, 6:00 p.m. at The Union Hotel

Class of 1965 – Saturday, Oct. 16, 5:00 p.m. social hour at the Breezewood Firehall.

Class of 1975 – Saturday July 24, 6:00 p.m. happy hour at Down River

Class of 1980 – Saturday, Sept. 25, 6:00 p.m. at The Union Hotel

Class of 1985 – Saturday, Aug. 21, 6:00 p.m. at Down River

Class of 1995 – Saturday July 24, at The Union Hotel

HISTORIC EVERETT LANDMARK DRAWS A CROWD



Following Everett's Memorial Day Service a group gathered at yet another location within the Everett Cemetery. This time the main attraction was a stately old white oak tree that is quite possibly 300 years old. This tree was singled out as one of the points from which to plot first surveys in 1764 when William Penn still owned the land. Fifth-generation land surveyor Eric Cunard (1958) was instrumental in placing a plaque recognizing the historical significance of the tree as a "cornerstone to the history of Bloody Run." Remarks were made at the dedication ceremony by U.S. Rep. Bill Shuster (1979), State Rep. Dick Hess and surveyor Eric Cunard. County Commissioners Michael Herline, Steve Howsare and Gary Ebersole were also in attendance and issued a proclamation in honor of the tree.

NEW RECORD for Everett Elementary Envirothon Teams

All the hard work in preparation for the 2010 Bedford County Elementary Envirothon paid off for the participating fifth and sixth grade students as they came back to school with three trophies. After completing 5 tests, the Everett Eagles won first place with a score of 457 out of 500. The Everett Bobcats took 2nd place with a score of 445. The Everett Cardinal placed 3rd with a score of 420. The Everett Hawks weren't far behind placing 5th with a score of 414.

There were a total of 18 teams participating in this year's Envirothon from the five school districts in Bedford County, one parochial school, and a group of homeschoolers. There were different stations, where they were tested in their knowledge of forestry, wildlife, aquatics, and soil. One student, when wished good luck before the event, so aptly put it, "Luck has nothing to do with it." He knew that it was the hard work that each of the students put into this event that gave them the victory. Congratulations to all the students for their dedication and hard work.



The Everett Eagles (1st place): McKenna Swartzwelder, Charmane Wigfield, Ben Stover, Kestrel Kuhne, Cassie Barkman



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Major Doctor Nicole Norris DeBolt, EAHS Class of 1994, spoke to the graduates about "A Second Chance"



CLASS OF 2010



Lining Up

Rachel Villareale sings



ALUMNI



EAHS Alumni/Professional Staff Who Attended Graduation

Front row – Brenda (Giffin) Beiter; Sheila (Koontz) Boyd; Linda (Cooper) Snow; Kelly (Koontz) Waugerman

2nd row – Jonathan Donelson; Tricia (Zimmerman) Beidle; Ashley (Hall) Bennett; Sue (DuVall) Conner

3rd row – Justin Hillegass; Keith Moyer; Carrie (Treece) Hinish; Cathy (Sollenberger) Miller; Jim Mearkle



SENIOR TRIP – ORLANDO FLORIDA



Several members of the class of 2010 come from three or more generations of Everett High School Graduates. These include:

Cole Barkman, 2010; mother Rhonda (Mills) Barkman, class of 1987; grandmother Roxanna (Cornell) Mills, class of 1954.

Megan Demko, 2010; mother Denise (Layton) Demko, class of 1976; grandmother Alta (Miller) Layton, class of 1954.

Jessica Donelson, 2010; parents Jonathan & Christine (Thompson) Donelson, both in the class of 1984; grandmother Linda (Lingenfelter) Donelson, class of 1963.

Dakota Foor, 2010; mother Lori (Chamberlain) Foor, class of 1986; grandparents Darrel and Bonnie (Potts) Chamberlain, classes of 1956 & 1957, respectively.

Katie Hann, 2010; mother LuAnne (Henry) Hann, class of 1980; grandmother Betty Lee (Foor) Bussard, class of 1954

Jenni Meloy, 2010; father John Russell Meloy, class of 1991; grandmother Elsie (Smith) Meloy, class of 1965; great-grandmother Mildred (Spamer) Smith, class of 1946.

Jena Sigel, 2010; father Eddie Sigel, class of 1980; maternal grandmother Patty (Edwards) Trueax, class of 1965; great-grandmother

Fleta (Fidler) Edwards, class of 1942; great-grandmother Bernice Jean (Garlick) Trueax, class of 1943.

Tommy Stone, 2010; father James Stone, class of 1984; grandfather Charles Stone, class of 1961.

Brittany Swartzwelder, 2010; father Michael Swartzwelder, class of 1981; grandparents Harry and Nancy (Showalter) Swartzwelder, both in the class of 1957.

Jessica Wallace, 2010; Father David Wallace, class of 1972; grandmother Mary (Bucher) Wallace, class of 1945.

REMEMBERING the Cheerio



The Gump Building stood on the corner of E. Main and N. Spring St. and housed a number of businesses in its lifetime, one of them the Cheerio Restaurant and big time teen hang-out in the 50's. It was a straight shot from the movie theater to the Cheerio. THE place to meet your friends.

An 1896 cookbook as listed John C. Sutch a dealer in groceries, candies, fruits, confect-tions, cakes, nuts etc. Ice cream and oysters in season. Finest ice cream parlor in town. Corner of Main and Spring Streets, Everett. An 1892 article calls it the Gump Building.

Some of its inhabitants included the Masons up on the third floor, an Army Navy Store at ground level, Casey's Pool Hall in the basement (no girls allowed), Lou's Auto Body, Gump Hardware, Everett Electric Co., Clevenger's News Stand, Dentist Dr. Black, a 5 and 10, a meat market, Everett Music Co., Keys Coal Co. Office and some apartment living spaces in the rear.

The Cheerio is the one we are interested in here. It began in the basement and at one time was known as Dairyland. In the 40's it was

owned by Ken and Margaret Reese and in the 50's by Henry Turgeon whose daughter Gail is a member of the Everett H.S. Class of 1958 and brothers Gareth, 1954 and Richard 1951.

It's big front windows facing Main St. with a large booth were a coveted spot to sit and watch the cars go by while drinking a cherry coke and maybe eating a plate of french fries covered with gravy. It wasn't a dance spot like the Bonette north of town but it was a handy gathering spot for teen social life.

The accompanying photograph shows the interior in the 50's.

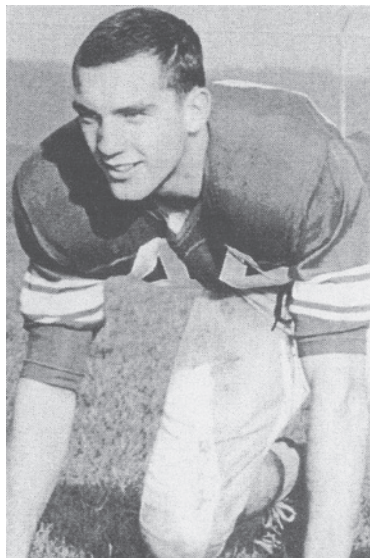
in the 60's, John Caro razed the old building and created the Corner Plaza with a variety of stores occupying it right up to today.

There will always be a soft spot in the heart for the old Cheerio by a whole host of Everett once-upon-a-time teenagers and block floppers.

Contributed by Patricia Brown Morgart, Class of 1958.



Everett's Robert Bussard Inducted Into the Bedford County Sports Hall Of Fame



Robert Bussard, a 1960 Everett Southern High School graduate, excelled in both football and basketball lettering three years in football and two years in basketball. During his high school football career, he was selected to the Inter-County All-star Team in both his junior and senior

years; a member of the Western Conference All Star team; Johnstown Tribune-Democrat All Star Team; United Press as 2nd Team All State guard and became the first player from Bedford County to play on the Pennsylvania Big 33 team. That team played the National All-American Team to a scoreless tie in Hershey, PA.

Bob accepted a football scholarship from North Carolina State and played starting guard on the undefeated freshman team. Freshmen were not permitted to play varsity football at that time. After playing varsity ball for the Wolfpack his sophomore year, Bob suffered a career ending injury and withdrew from North Carolina State.

After leaving NC State, Bob worked for a Holiday Inn Franchise and later formed his own company becoming part owner of The Breezewood Ramada Inn, Quality Inns of Falls Church and Leesburg, VA, and three restaurants in the D.C. and Virginia area. For the past 20 years Bob has worked as construction manager for a Washington D.C. based real estate trust that owns many commercial, medical and residential buildings in the D.C. Metropolitan area.

Bob and his wife Debbie have seven children and reside in Falls Church, VA.

BEEGLE SIGNS Letter of Intent



Jessica Beegle has been a four year player for our Varsity Girls Basketball team and recently signed her letter of intent to play Basketball at Potomac State University. Jessica is the daughter of Rob and Shelley Beegle. She is also plays Softball and may try to do both sports in college pending her class schedule.

She scored her 1000 point in the playoffs of her Junior season, and finished her career tied for 3rd place on our all-time leading scorer's with 1493 points in her career.

She credits her parents, coaches and teammates for much of her success in high school. According to Mr. Keith Moyer (Class of 93), Head Girls Basketball Coach, "Jess has worked very hard on her skills over the last several years and has been a leader both on and off the court. This is a great opportunity for her to continue playing the sport of Basketball." Potomac State Universities location will enable her friends and family to continue to get to watch her play in college.

We wish Jessica continued success as she pursues her educational and athletic goals.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT – DENNIS TICE

“Bedford County Veterans-WWII” documentary

“Bedford County Veterans-WWII” is a documentary released in 2010 about veterans from this rural area of Western Pennsylvania. The film was produced by Dennis Tice, Class of 1977. 30 minutes of the film can be viewed for free from the website, www.bedfordcounty.net. A DVD is also available from the Bedford County Visitors Bureau.

Dennis Tice is a 1977 graduate of Everett High School. After receiving his BS in Music Education from IUP, he taught High School band at James Buchanan High School in Mercersburg, PA and worked in radio at WBFD/WRAX. After entering into the Air Force Officer Training Program in 1984, he was commissioned and served in the US Air Force for 10 years. Air Force duty positions include Chief of Advertising and Promotion for Air Force Recruiting, Band Leader with the Air Force “Tops In Blue” entertainment group and Air Force Commander for Armed Forces Radio and Television Service in Panama. After returning to Bedford County in 1995, Dennis taught for one year at Everett High School (Band Director) and accepted his current position (Executive Director of the Bedford County Visitors Bureau) in 1996.

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INTERVIEW WITH DENNIS TICE

I was never a great student, at least not grade-wise, but my education at EAHS often wasn’t in the things that one is graded on. Teachers like Beth Engle, Eddie Lentz, Fred Sponsler, Fred Baca and Nancy Chillas introduced me to creative opportunities that

sparked my interest. Those teachers provided an atmosphere that allowed me to create and to learn about acting, writing, arranging music, etc. From high school plays and musicals, arranging music and even doing history class presentations...those were the things that became a passion for me...much more than the book learning that most think of as “education”. Those teachers helped that passion to flourish by never telling me something was impossible.

In my current position as director of the Bedford County Visitors Bureau, I produce various materials about the area that might be of interest to visitors. In addition to brochures and Internet content, I also create short subject videos about the area. Visitors download these videos to their IPOD or other portable video player and then tour Bedford County with their own “video tour guide”. While considering possible subject material for a new tour, I learned about Ellis Weicht and Robert Hartsock. Both men received the Medal of Honor. Some folks might wonder, ‘what’s the significance of the Medal of Honor?’ Well, from WWII through today, just over 850 Medals of Honor have been awarded. Two out of 850 medals awarded nationally were awarded to men from Everett. Both went to school in the Everett School District. Both

grew up on farms south of town. But until last year, I never knew their names.

So, in 2009, I started to develop a video tour that featured area monuments and a segment about these two Medal of Honor recipients from Everett, PA. A month later, I decided to invite some of our WWII veterans to share their testimony and taped over 30 hours of interviews. The stories those vets shared inspired us to take the video production to a new



Dennis Tice in front of the Chroma Key wall built into the back of his office. The green chroma key wall was used to shoot much of the film.

level because all of a sudden, we knew that we had more than a simple IPOD tour on our hands. We had a feature documentary.

It took a year of research, filming and editing, but production of “Bedford County Veterans-WWII” was completed in December 2009. We decided to premier the film at Bedford’s Pitt Theater for a one week showing in February 2010, but really didn’t know what to expect. Would anyone want to see the film? Would anyone come? We were shocked when the theater filled to capacity for almost every show. “Bedford County Veterans-WWII” became one of the most successful films in the history of the theater, with more than 2,100 paid admissions for the week long run. The personal stories from our vets made the film a success, because the community had a real thirst to hear them.

As for the movie, I’m as surprised as anyone that it turned out as well as it did. There were a lot of people from the community who gave information, photographs and interviews. The WWII veterans who came in to share their stories kindled a

passion to create something that would do more than just “inform” people. I hoped to create something that was also inspirational. So, those interviews had to be edited and arranged in a way that would make for an interesting presentation, more than just informational, something that was fun to watch. The project became pretty huge and took almost a year to complete. I guess the only reason it was possible was the fact that I didn’t know it was impossible.”

Of all the interviews I did, the one that most fueled my personal desire to complete “Bedford County Veterans-WWII” was with a 14 year old girl from Everett. When I asked if she knew anything about Ellis Weicht or Robert Hartsock, she said, (with a touch of self-deprecating humor), “I really don’t know too much about them. I’m just a hick kid from a hick town.” My response to her wasn’t planned. But the power and truth of the response became the theme for our film. I told her, “Little towns like this...these are the places that heroes come from”. It took 50 years, but I know that now.

MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT

Renovation plans for the Middle School/High School project are almost complete. The facilities committee, Hayes Large Architects and district employees have been collaborating to provide a schematic design that may be approved by the Board and forwarded to the Pennsylvania Department of Education to begin the PlanCon process.

A fluid timeline has been established to continue to move the project along so the district may benefit from lower interest rates and construction costs. The current timeline appears below:

- June 17** – possible approval of Schematic Design for PlanCon A and B
- June 24** – tentative meeting with PDE, Hayes Large and Everett Area School District representatives
- June 24** – final sale of the bond issue
- Early July** – Community Engagement meeting

Follow the PlanCon process by watching the website at everett.k12.pa.us

This is an exciting time for the Everett Area School District because it has been over 20 years since any type of major renovation has occurred at the Middle School/High School.



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6" x 5.25" x .75"

The Association has colorful, wooden replicas of the two former North Spring Street school buildings available for you to purchase. The history of each building is printed on the backside. You can obtain each building for \$20.00 or the set for \$35.00. We can mail a single replica to you for \$4.00 or the set for \$7.00.

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